

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Application No. : 10/648,426 Confirmation No. : 3993  
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Examiner : Karla A. Moore  
  
Docket No. : 010986.52734US  
Customer No. : 23911  
  
Title : Processing Apparatus Having a Support Member  
Made of Metal Matrix Composite Between a Process  
Chamber and a Placement Stage

**AMENDMENT**

**Mail Stop AMENDMENT**  
Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed April 18, 2007, the Applicants respectfully submit the following amendments and remarks. The response due date, extended two months is September 18, 2007.

**Amendments to the Claims** begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 4 of this paper.